(b) to (d) During Conventional Testing (DST), there was gas flow from the well to the surface.

Commercial produciton will depend on its commerciality and subsequent development plan. As per Production Sharing Contract (PSC), operator is free to market the gas in the domestic market at market driven price.

International gas pipelines

1590. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the international gas pipelines that are approved up to now;

(b) by when these gas pipelines will be completed; and

(c) whether these gas pipelines are adequate to supply gas for domestic cooking purposes and for industries like fertilizers, iron, power generation plants, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Government is pursuing import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project, from Myanmar through Myanmar-India Gas Pipeline Project and from Turkmenistan through Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) Gas pipeline project. Discussions on these projects are at various stages and no agreement has been signed for any of these projects. Various project details, including completion schedule of these pipelines, can be firmed up only after signing of the respective agreements.

(c) The import of natural gas through the above tansnational pipelines will supplement the domestic gas production and import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), so as to supply gas to various sectors, including fertilizers, power, steel and for domestic cooking purposes.

Sixth and seventh rounds of NELP

1591. SHRI K.P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:—

(a) the State-wise/basin-wise break-up of the 52 Oil and Natural Gas Blocks selected under the Sixth Round of New Exploration Licensing Policy;

(b) whether out of the 55 blocks offered, 3 received Nil Offers, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether caution will be maintained in the next round so that no block is left orphaned;

(d) the State-wise/basin-wise break up of the 70 to 80 blocks which are earmarked for the Seventh round; and

(e) the details of the number of blocks in the Cauvery Basin slated for expoloration in the Seventh Round?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The details are annexed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Yes Sir, two blocks in Deepwater area in Kerala-Konkan basin and one block in Andaman deepwater area did not receive any bid. These three blocks were in unexplored deepwater area involving high risk *vis-a-vis* return on investment. Perhaps cost benefit analysis done by prospective bidders did not find these blocks attractive enough for risk taking.

(c) Bids for a block depend on the prospectivity of that block. However, blocks having unknown prospectivity may also attract bids depending on the bidder's judgement and the risk absorbing capacity of a company. Blocks are offered with positive frame of mind and interpretation of the available data regarding the block. For less explored areas, Geoscientific Data such as Gravity magnetic, Electro magnetic, Megneto telluric Data etc. are interpreted and put in the Basin Information Docket for the prospective bidders.

(d) and (e) Efforts are made to offer blocks from the remaining unexplored sedimentary basins of the country in large number in every successive NELP round.

Statement

NELP-VI Block details

Sl. No.	Basin	Block Name	Approx. Area (SQ. K.M.)	Ref. No. on Map	Off Shore/ State	District
	Deep Water Blocks (24)					
1	Kerala-Konkan	KK-DWN-2004/1	12324	D-1	Western Off.	N.A.
2	Cauvery	CY-DWN-2004/1	10302	D-4		N.A.
3		CY-DWN-2004/2	12059	D-5		N.A.
4		CY-DWN-2004/3	12017	D-6		N.A.
5		CY-DWN-2004/4	12025	D-7		N.A.
6		CY-PR-DWN-2004/1	13451	D-8		N.A.
7		CY-PR-DWN-2004/2	9994	D-9		N.A.
8	Krisha-Godavari	KG-DWN-2004/1	11951	D-10		N.A.
9		KG-DWN-2004/2	11851	D-11		N.A.
10		KG-DWN-2004/3	6205	D-12		N.A.
11		KG-DWN-2004/4	11904	D-13	Eastern Off.	N.A.
12		KG-DWN-2004/5	11922	D-14		N.A.
13		KG-DWN-2004/6	10907	D-15		N.A.
14		KG-DWN-2004/7	11856	D-16		N.A.
15	Mahanadi-NEC	MN-DWN-2004/1	9885	D-17		N.A.
16		MN-DWN-2004/2	11813	D-18		N.A.
17		MN-DWN-2004/3	11316	D-19		N.A.
18		MN-DWN-2004/4	8822	D-20		N.A.
19		MN-DWN-2004/5	10454	D-21		N.A.
20		NEC-DWN-2004/1	7790	D-22		N.A.
21		NEC-DWN-2004/2	8706	D-23		N.A.
	SHALLOW OFFSHORE BLOCKS (6)					
22	Gujarat-Saurashtra	GS-OSN-2004/1	6589	1		N.A.
23	Gulf of Cambay	CB-OSN-2004/1	2616	2	Western Off.	N.A.
24	Mumbai	MB-OSN-2004/1	1520	3		N.A.
25		MB-OSN-2004/2	741	4		N.A.
26	Palar	PR-OSN-2004/1	9417	5		N.A.
27	Krishna Godavari	KG-OSN-2004/1	1131	6	Eastern Off.	N.A.
28	Mizoram	MZ-ONN-2004/1*	3213	7	Mizoram (2)	Aizwal, Serchhip, Mamit & Lunglei
29		MZ-ONN-2004/2*	3619	8		Lunglei, Saiha &, Lawangtlai

*N.A.-Not Applicable Onland Blocks (25)

Sl. No.	Basin	Block Name	Approx. Area (SQ. K.M.)	Ref. No. on Map	Off Shore/ State	District
30	Assam	AA-ONN-2004/1	144	9		Sibsagar
31		AA-ONN-2004/2 (Part-A & B)*	218	10-A & B		Dibrugarh
32		AA-ONN-2004/3*	1252	11	Assam (5)	Lakhimpur & Dhemaji
33		AA-ONN-2004/4*	95	12		Tinsukia
34		AA-ONN-2004/5*	46	13		Tinsukia
35	Purnea	PA-ONN-2004/1*	2537	14	Bihar (1)	Araria, Kishanganj & Purnia
36	Ganga	GV-ONN-2004/1*	8354	15	Uttar Pradesh (1)	Ambedkar Nagar, Sultanpur, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Mau, Ballia, Deoria, Sant Kabir Nagar, Basti & Gorakhpur
37	South Rewa	SR-ONN-2004/1*	13277	16	Madhya Pradesh (1)	Shahdol, Sidhi, Umaria, Anuppur & Dindori
38	Vindhyan	VN-ONN-2004/1*	5801	17		Bundi, Kota, Chittaurgarh, Bhilwara
39		VN-ONN-2004/2*	4466	18	Rajasthan (5)	Jhalawar, Kota & Baran.
40	Rajasthan	RJ-ONN-2004/1	4613	19		Ganganagar, Hanuman Garh
41		RJ-ONN-2004/2	2196	20		Bikaner, Jaisalmer

*Frontier blocks.

Sl. No.	Basin	Block Name	Approx. Area (SQ. K.M.)	Ref. No. on Map	Off Shore/ State	District
42		RJ-ONN-2004/3	1330	21		Jaisalmer, Bikaner
43	Cambay	CB-ONN-2004/1	32	22		Mehsana
44		CB-ONN-2004/2	423	23		Anand & Kheda
45		CB-ONN-2004/3	113	24	Gujarat (5)	Bharuch, Vadodara & Anand
46		CB-ONN-2004/4	70	25		Bharuch
47		CB-ONN-2004/5	75	26		Bharuch and Vadodara
48	Deccan Syneclise	DS-ONN-2004/1*	2649	27	Maharashtra (1)	Dhule Jalgaon & Nandurbar
49	Krishna Godavari	KG-ONN-2004/1	549	28	Andhra Pradesh (2)	E.Godavari & Yanam (UT)
50		KG-ONN-2004/2	1140	29		W. Godavari & Krishna
51	Cauvery	CY-ONN-2004/1	214	30	Tamil Nadu (2)	Cuddalore and Nagapattinam
52		CY-ONN-2004/2	375	31		Ariyalur

*Frontier blocks.

National gas grid

1592. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national gas grid was to be set up on the lines of the power grid;

(b) if so, whether Government have developed the nationwide gas grid and if not, the reasons therefor; and